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Office closures — The 15th Mission Support Squadron will be closed today (May 11) for an official function. The Command Section, Airman & Family Readiness, Education, Manpower & Readiness, Civilian and Military Personnel Flights will be closed all day today, as well. Offices will reopen at normal duty hours on Monday, May 14. For emergencies, call 479-0002 or 630-6105.

WAPS testing today — The Force Development Flight except for WAPS Testing will be closed on Friday, May 11, for an official function. If you are scheduled to take your WAPS test today, it has not been cancelled. POC is the Military Testing Program Manager, Ms. Scanlon, at 449-6363 ext 231.

O-Call cancellation — The Officer's Call scheduled for this afternoon, Friday, May 11, at 4 p.m. has been cancelled.

FTAC graduation — The FTAC staff and students would like to invite all first sergeants, commanders, supervisors, family members and friends to attend the graduation ceremony for FTAC Class 07-05. The ceremony will be held at the C-17 Operations Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 17. Call the FTAC Staff for details at 448-4643.

School physicals — The Hickam Family Practice Clinic will be open on Saturday May 19, from 9 a.m. to noon for

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'101 Days' set for May 28 start

By **Mark Munsey**
Special to the Kukini

With Outdoor Recreation launching close to 500 boats annually, year-round intramural sports programs and 360 degrees worth of diverse water activities, one might assume the vigilance required for a 101 Critical Days of Summer program that affects bases like Minot, ND, wouldn't come into play here.

Not so, according to Lt. Col. K.C. 'Hoss' Parnell, 15th Airlift Wing safety chief.

"It doesn't matter if you're stationed in North Dakota, Europe or here in paradise," he said. "When Memorial Day hits, preventable mishaps start to spike."

While a major statistical player in Hickam's mishap accumulation are injuries from intramural sports — I'm looking at you, flag football —

during the period between Memorial and Labor Day the usual suspects can always be found lurking: alcohol, inattention and overexertion.

During the 101-day period, 'family days' extend several three-day weekends into four days off with understandable results, according to Colonel Parnell.

"It's a natural reaction to let your guard down," he said. "Entertaining friends in the backyard or enjoying pleasurable outdoor activities with the family is the breeding ground for preventable accidents."

Even the size of the island can lend itself to a false sense of security, he explained.

"Since you can't pack up the car and hit the road for a few days, many people will schedule multiple activities over the course of a day," the

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Courtesy photo

Fifteenth Fire Protection Flight members train on a deserted dwelling. It takes precious little inattention for this training scenario to become very real in base housing.

Air Force fosters 'Warrior Ethos'

By **Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle**
Air Force Print News

Whether it's the recent changes to basic military training, continual preparation for deployments, engaging in combat or new and better uniforms, Air Force leaders are instilling a warrior mindset in Airmen.

That warrior ethos — the foundation of what it means to be an Airman — traces its roots to the era when the Air Force first became an independent service. Since the days when bombers and fighters first soared into the wild blue yonder, Airmen have trained for or engaged in combat.

"The warrior ethos has always been a part of an Airman's character, but some people may have lost sight of it," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "This warrior ethos exhibits a hardness of spirit, and moral and physical courage."

From heritage ...

Understanding history is key to seeing the warrior ethos in Airmen today, General Moseley said.

"If we don't understand our history, we cannot understand



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Mike Carabajal

The warrior ethos is the foundation of what it means to be an Airman. It is a hardness of spirit, and moral and physical courage.

the warfighting contribution that we make," General Moseley said. "During World War II, more 8th Air Force Airmen died than the total number of Marines killed in the war, and today a few people look at us as sideline watchers."

"In World War II it took hundreds of bombers to drop hundreds of thousands of bombs on a city, flying into harm's way with a realization that the aircraft may not return," he explained. "Today, with the air supremacy we provide and the technology we use, we are far more lethal and effective."

The world and warfare have changed in the last 40 years and the Air Force has adapted and

changed with it, he said.

"The role of the Air Force has expanded with the new domains in which we fly and fight," General Moseley said. "Precision air strikes against the enemy save American and coalition lives. Taking out a target with a precision-guided missile or bomb, versus sending troops in to take out the same target, saves valuable ground forces. We own the air that provides ground forces a measure of safety. Our Airmen use innovative measures to carry out the Air Force's mission. Our Airmen bring more to the fight today than ever in Air Force history, but we do it in a way that puts our people in less danger."

The Air Force has been in combat operations for more than 16 years, never leaving Iraqi airspace after Operation Desert Storm, and has provided continuous air superiority over that region. Airmen perform missions in the air, on the ground, in space and cyberspace that sometimes may be overlooked by the casual observer, General Moseley said.

... to horizons

Airmen "exemplify the warrior ethos in every Air Force specialty" by deploying to the corners of the Earth in support of the Air Force Mission: to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace. Battlefield Airmen deliver expertise in ground combat environments. Space Airmen use surveillance and Global Positioning System technology to enhance warfighting capabilities. Operations Airmen carry out strategic air strikes, maintain the air bridge by moving millions of tons of cargo and thousands of personnel into and out of the AOR, and deliver fuel to the fight, all with aging equipment, he said.

"Sometimes we make it look easy, and some people ask why we need better aircraft when we make it look easy," General Moseley said. "It's really a compliment to our Airmen."

Everything we accomplish revolves around educated, innovative and disciplined Airmen operating technology."

"Our Airmen's mission is global. Through our space assets we can see anything on the earth, we can conduct surveillance, we can fly there, we can hold an area at risk, and with command and control we can access situations and we can bring arms to bear if need be."

The warrior ethos is also tied to the Air Force priorities: fighting and winning the war on terrorism, developing and caring for Airmen, and recapitalizing and modernizing aging aircraft and space inventories.

"I'm frustrated that we have to fly missions using aircraft that were first delivered to us 40 or 50 years ago," General Moseley said. "So, I'm concerned about our crews flying missions in these airplanes 15 minutes from now and what they'll be flying in 15 years from now. They deserve the best equipment we can get our hands on to win our nation's wars."

General Moseley emphasized that recapitalization is about dissuading and deterring an enemy from starting the next war, as well as training Airmen for the future.

"We need to ensure that our

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Airmen on the airwaves

By **1st. Lt. Renee Lee**
PACAF Public Affairs

Pacific Air Force Airmen are sharing the Air Force story on one of Hawaii's most popular radio stations throughout this month.

May is Hawaii Military Appreciation Month and KHVH (AM 830) is featuring the military on radio spots and live interviews with the Air Force leading the other services in terms of numbers of interviews conducted.

Voices of four Airmen from the 15th Airlift Wing



Photo by 1st. Lt. Renee Lee

Chief Master Sgt. Tony Bishop (left) and Gen. Paul V. Hester shared PACAF stories with Hawaii listeners on the radio this week.

based at Hickam Air Force Base and the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron based at Wheeler Army Airfield can be heard on the airwaves, as their testimonials on their recent deployments are played sporadically throughout the month.

"I thought it was pretty awesome that they were letting Air Force members pass their Air Force experiences to the public," said Tech. Sgt. Adam Vizi, joint terminal attack controller of the 25th ASOS. Sergeant Vizi shared his 25-second radio testimonial on his

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Countdown to  **UCI**

An open finding from a previous UCI can be rehabilitated, assuming you have identified the issue or shortcoming and have documented steps to correct it.



Find out more on Hickam's SharePoint Web site: https://sps.hickam.af.mil/sites/15AW_UCI/default.aspx

ACTION LINE

Keep your base clean

Comment: Every day, I bike, run or walk on base and I am constantly picking up trash. I also find the play equipment being vandalized with spray paint. When I see it, I call privatized housing and within a day or two it is cleaned up.

The wooden park by Kidsport always has trash on it. I picked up trash there one day about three months ago for about an hour. It didn't look like it had been cleaned in a long time. I still have to pick up trash when I go now however, it only takes about 5-10 minutes of my time now.

The housing office has been very helpful whenever I bring any problems to their attention but they can't control individuals.

I don't have a solution to the problem except to continue to clean up trash whenever I see it. I had just hoped that by living on base I wouldn't have to deal with the amount of trash I see.

Response: Thank you for your concern. Picking up trash on Hickam is an issue that I've addressed on many occasions. It boils down to base pride and attention to detail. Working together, we can maintain a beautiful base with minimal effort. If you see trash on the base, please continue to help keep our home beautiful by picking it up. I certainly do. If you see equipment defiled or in disrepair, please notify our Civil Engineering squadron so they can effect repair or clean-up.

We held a clean-up day, coined "Polishing the Pearl of the Pacific," back in October. During that event, participants picked up some 60 cubic yards of waste. The effort also included washing windows and picking up trash within a 50-foot radius of buildings. We plan on holding another clean-up on May 24 and base residents will be invited to participate. I encourage everyone on Team Hickam to come out and support this activity.

During this time of tight fiscal restraints, it is even more imperative that base residents keep their own houses and yards in good order and work collectively to maintain common areas. To that end, the Housing office is now issuing citations for violations, and repeat offenders may lose the privilege of living on base. But I ask you not to wait for the housing office to remind you of your duties — be responsible for your own actions and remind others of theirs if they are not following the rules. We must take pride in where we live and work and that begins with each individual. Thank you for what you do to help keep Hickam looking beautiful.

Diamond Tips

Dissident and protest activities – Air Force members may not participate in demonstrations when they are on duty, in a foreign country, in uniform, involved in activities that breach law and order, or when violence is likely.

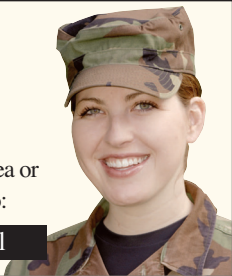
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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

Airmen: wingmen, leaders, warriors

By Dr. Lani Kass
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As newspaper headlines scream about the "failure of generalship," and the Senate Armed Services Committee somberly ponders testimonies about the "broken Army," a quiet revolution is underway in the United States Air Force: a fundamental revitalization of America's youngest Service's warfighting ethos.

The United States Air Force is commonly perceived as the "high tech" service — a conglomeration of skilled technicians intent on developing and acquiring the latest technology. To the extent the American public even thinks about its winged defenders, it's usually in the context of beautiful flying machines, performing flawlessly at an air show. Support and empathy — as well as Congressional concerns — are increasingly reserved for "the troops," meaning the Army and Marines. Few, if any, ever note that it is people — Airmen — sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, who turn hunks of metal, buckets of bolts, microprocessors and circuitry into America's warfighting edge and winged defense. And, as such, they deserve no less empathy and support than our sons and daughters, sisters and brothers driving convoys and patrolling the streets of Iraq — especially since some 20,000 of those are Airmen, too.

Because modern technology evolves quickly and costs a lot of money, the Air Force is all too often seen as a drain on national resources, chasing expensive technology seemingly for its own sake. Worse, as recent SASC deliberations suggest, it is also perceived as a convenient cash-cow to salve the conscience of manifesting "support for the troops," without having to sacrifice pet projects, or legislate allocation of a higher percentage of the gross domestic product for national defense at a time of war.

Last, and perhaps most perniciously, there's a disassociation in the mind of the



Photo by Mark Bates

The mission of the Air Force is to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace — to go after the enemy, to control the battlespace, and secure freedom to attach and freedom from attack.

American people and their elected officials between the Air Force and the blood, sweat and tears that make up the enduring reality of war. Think about it: the one Service that has been in continuous combat the longest — 16 straight years in Southwest Asia, with "minor" detours to win another war in the Balkans; spread its wings over America's cities after 9/11; and deliver life-saving supplies in the wake of hurricanes and tsunamis — is set apart from "the troops" to whom we owe support. Its programs are the piggy bank to be raided to "support the troops."

Think about this too: the mission of the Air Force is to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace — to go after the enemy, to control the battlespace, and secure freedom to attack and freedom from attack. How well has it done? The last time an American Soldier was killed by enemy aircraft was 1953. Desert Storm is commonly called the "100-hour war" — that's how long the ground campaign lasted — because airpower made it so. Operation Allied Force in the Balkans was won without a single American "boot on the ground"

Meanwhile, brutal dictatorships were

toppled in Afghanistan and Iraq in record time, with the Air Force responsible for most of the killing. So, how can anyone argue — as was, indeed, argued in front of the SASC — that the Air Force is sitting on the sidelines and, thus, instead of garnering recognition and support, it should sacrifice its technological edge to finance the admittedly needed growth in land power?

This isn't about inter-Service rivalries or competing claims on resources. It is about the Air Force refusing to cede the monopoly on valor and the intimate link with the American people exclusively to its ground brethren. This is about the Air Force reclaiming its rightful place in America's pantheon of heroes — and, thus, in Americans' hearts.

With these imperatives in mind, Gen. T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, the 18th Chief of Staff of the Air Force, issued a "CSAF Vector" that defines a new direction for the USAF. The publication was deliberately timed to coincide with the 65th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. April 18, 1942, is a date worth remembering, for it foreshadowed the American way of war and

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Effective leaders tend to be readers

By Senior Master Sgt. Dave Gast
352nd Intelligence Operations Squadron

It was one of the first things taught to you by your parents. It was stressed by all your teachers. As you get older however, and the realities of a job, family and other responsibilities take hold, you may start to neglect the valuable habit of reading. Today more than ever, Airman wanting to succeed, need to read, especially if they want to lead.

I want to take this moment to strongly encourage all members of our force to pick up a professional book and get to it! I realize today being a chief select that I probably could have been here a lot sooner if I would have read more. But I started my hobbies, a family, and dove deeper into work and I neglected to read. Since attending several chief master sergeant development seminars now, I can tell you that senior leadership expects us all to be well read. You may ask yourself however, "what kind of professional reading should I undertake?"

Consider this: How often have you gotten bad reenlistment or career job registration advice? How often did you miss the fine print regarding your PCS entitlements? How often have you found yourself in a social setting with a group of colleagues discussing a historically significant event, but you only know the word of mouth version of the story? Have you ever cast an uneducated vote and just went with the crowd "favorite?" Are you able to cite a credible source for anything?

The answers to nearly all these situations exist in AFIs, news links on our AF Portal, within your base library (who also needs your support) and, lastly, in just plain good old books.

I've started a couple recently and am so glad I did. Who would have guessed that chapter three of James Bradley's *Flyboys* has a beautiful version of the Billy Mitchell story and what he meant to the US Navy. I would have never known the shortfalls of the 1947 National Security Act and why we needed Goldwater-Nichols until I started reading *Victory on the Potomac* by James R. Locher III.

I want to share a few more examples. Makers of the United States Air Force by



SMSgt. Dave Gast

John L. Frisbee is a great collection of stories about our Air Force forefathers. But the best part is learning some of the risks these men took, and not all were good. Have you heard the term "hot dog pilot?" Some of our forefathers did some pretty dare devilish feats for back in their day. How about learning that George Washington was desperately afraid that he might not win the war against the British? How about reading the memoirs of Robert E. Lee to learn how a gentleman behaves in all situations?

The significance of professional reading is that it provides a rich historical background to help understand where we're going. Second, there are few new original ideas on how to lead, manage, coach, win. Most are tried & true old ideas applied to new situations. Why not fill up your toolbox now?

Lastly, if we military members claim we are professionals and not just trades people, then we better read and speak like professionals. It's easier to speak like one if you've read the writings of a few. With that said I invite all of you to join me and pick up a book and make yourself a better professional and a great leader. If we're lucky, someone will read about us one day.

Joining the nation in a day of prayer



Denise Sloan, Prayer Coordinator for Protestant Women of the Chapel, displays prayer handouts and refreshments for visitors who came to Nellis Chapel for last week's National Day of Prayer, on Thursday, May 3. The day was created to encourage the nation to take time to pray for peace and goodness.

Photo by Angela Elbern

May ‘Resilient Warrior’ stresses fitness

By Lt. Col. Cynthia Cogburn
PACAF Public Health Officer

During the month of May, the PACAF Resilient Warrior Initiative theme is Health and Wellness.

The human weapon system is the most important and complex weapon system in our inventory. Your health and wellness is essential to our readiness and requires daily maintenance to reach peak performance and be resilient to the demands of daily life.

During May, schedule some time to review and make sure important issues that impact your health and wellness are in order. Be sure your preventive health exam is current and any preventative testing (blood tests, blood pressure checks, mammograms, etc) has been accomplished. If you have a

health issue or concern, make an appointment now and get it resolved.

Re-evaluate and adjust your diet. Do you live to eat or eat to live? In this time of oversized food portions, eliminate the “Value Meal” and “Super-Size” mentality and cut back on calorie intake. Take in foods that really fuel your body, not just fill it.

Shedding some extra pounds can positively impact other health indicators such as lowering cholesterol and blood pressure, reducing risks for cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, obesity and chronic musculoskeletal pain.

Schedule regular exercise in your daily activities and include aerobic and weight training in your weekly routine. Exercise not only improves your cardiovascular health, but also helps you manage stress. Resolve to

eliminate unhealthy lifestyle choices such as tobacco use.

Tobacco can negatively impact even a warrior's health, increasing blood pressure and risk for heart disease and cancer. Did you know one in six smokers in will die from causes directly related to tobacco? Stopping tobacco use is not easy, but the benefits you gain will improve quality of life and make it well worth the effort. Remember there is no safe level of second hand smoke, so do it for yourself and your family as well.

Take advantage of classes offered at the Health and Wellness Center to ensure your exercise program, diet and lifestyle choices are the best for you. Striking a balance in your Health and Wellness will ensure you take care of your human weapon system making you a Resilient “fit for life” Warrior.



Photo by Angela Elbern

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Hickam Auto Hobby Center wins award

By Angie Jefferson
15th Services Marketing

The 15th Services Squadron Auto Hobby Center earned the highest honor any automobile repair facility can earn — the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Blue Seal of Excellence.

According to the ASE website, the Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition Program identifies establishments that have met ASE criteria. It is a recognition program for businesses striving to be the best, and willing to prove their commitment.

To receive the blue seal, a repair center must meet and maintain the following:

- At least 75 percent of the technicians performing diagnosis and repairs must be ASE certified, having at least two years of school, on-the-job experience or a combination of the two, and

passing a comprehensive test administered by the ASE

- At least one ASE-certified technician in every service offered
- Up-to-date and well-maintained equipment to perform those services
- Each blue seal center is also retested and inspected annually to maintain its certification.



After automotive knowledge tests, equipment inspections and certifications, the Auto Hobby Center earned

the distinction in April 2007 of becoming the second in the Air Force to earn the blue seal. Patrick AFB is the only other Air Force installation to earn this honor.

“Earning the ASE Blue Seal demonstrates to our customers that they can trust our work. They can feel confident in the service they receive and the knowledge we teach,” said Andrew Martin, manager of the Auto Hobby Center.

According to the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, Hickam Auto Hobby Center is the only military auto repair establishment in Hawaii that has achieved this recognition. “This is a big deal,” said Frank Faria, Chief of the Community Support Flight. “They don’t just give this away – you have to earn it. At our Auto Hobby Center, people can expect service with Aloha.”



Photo courtesy of 15th Services Marketing

ASE-certified Mechanics Andy Martin and Jason Nakamura make repairs on a customer’s vehicle at the Hickam Auto Hobby Center, which became only the second such facility in the Air Force to earn the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Blue Seal of Excellence.

According to Mr. Martin, the Hickam Auto Hobby Center offers a complete range of services. The Center is certified to make necessary repairs as well as provide expert advice and training to customers who prefer to do it themselves.

F-22 Raptors end deployment, return to Hickam

By Maj. Dani Johnson
18th Wing Public Affairs

After almost three months in the Pacific, ten F-22s departed from Kadena Air Base, Japan, en route to Hickam on Wednesday upon completion of the first overseas deployment for the Air Force's newest air supremacy aircraft.

Two aircraft were delayed due to maintenance and are scheduled to depart within a couple of days.

The 12 Raptors arrived in February as part of a regularly scheduled U.S. Pacific Command rotational assignment of aircraft to the Pacific. The aircraft and more than 250 Airmen are assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

“We learned quite a bit about what we need or don't need (when deploying), whether it is parts or people,” said Lt. Col. Wade Tolliver, 27th FS commander. “We plan on capturing these lessons and continue to build the ‘solution’ to deploying the F-22.”

While at Kadena, the squadron flew more than 600 sorties. According to Colonel Tolliver, sortie generation was



U.S.Navy courtesy photo

F-22 Raptors deployed to Kadena Air Base, Japan, trained with U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets April 26, 2007, near the waters of Okinawa. The Super Hornets, from VFA-27 “The Royal Macs,” are stationed at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, and are the U.S. Navy's newest frontline carrier-based fighter. The Raptors are from the 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va., and have been deployed to Kadena since February. The training exercises focused on the next generation fighter capabilities between the two aircraft.

better than he expected with the challenges of getting supplies and support from a home base that is more than 7,700 miles from the deployed location.

“We sustained an incredible utilization rate, and it is a true testament to our maintainers and supply Airmen and all

the hard work they do,” Colonel Tolliver said.

While in the Pacific, the Raptors trained with aircraft from the 18th Wing to include F-15Cs, E-3s and KC-135s. They also worked with Navy and Marine Corps F-18s and Harriers and

Japanese Air Self Defense Force F-4s and F-15s.

“Many of these pilots and aircraft never had flown with the F-22,” said Colonel Tolliver. “This gave us a chance to expose the F-22 to our sister services and key allies, allowing all of us to learn

how to work together better.

“The F-22 is not here to replace any aircraft but add another capability to the fight,” he added.

Another aspect to the deployment was educating both Americans and foreign nationals in the region on the F-22 capabilities. While here, the squadron conducted almost 30 tours and briefings for visiting dignitaries and held three open house tours for more than 4,000 Americans on Okinawa.

According to Colonel Tolliver, all of the Airmen deployed from Langley felt a part of Team Kadena. Regardless of the fact the requirements for the aircraft were different than many of the units were used to, everyone stepped up professionally.

“The 18th Wing is a busy place,” he said. “You get a lot done every day and you integrated us into your team without missing a beat, and we appreciate that.”

For Kadena, the deployment was also a chance to demonstrate its capability to receive forces and combine dissimilar fighter aircraft into one air-power team.

“This was big for the base,” said Col. Mark Henkel, 18th Operations Group commander. “We were able to bring this aircraft into the theater and get it ready to go while never stopping our ongoing missions. It was simply outstanding.”

ETHOS, From A1

Airmen have the best training and best equipment today and in 2020 to deter any enemy force from wanting to fight us,” he said. “It is not about the machine, but about the desired effect to deter and dissuade. The point of having a far superior Air Force is to deter anyone from engaging us in combat because they know they will lose.

“If we cannot train the way we fight due to budgetary constraints or aging equipment, this can

degrade the Air Force’s operational and combat capability,” he continued. “We have to be able to pull the trigger in training to ensure we can do it in combat.”

General Moseley said it’s imperative that Airmen understand that cultivating a warrior ethos drives the decisions of today’s Air Force leaders.

The following are some brief examples of current and future initiatives which incorporate a Warrior Ethos:

Education and Training

- The Air Force Academy, Officer Training School and basic military training have incorporated more warfighting skills training
- In-lieu-of training prepares Airmen for combat environments, supporting requirements where Airmen deploy to assist Army personnel

Uniform

- A distinctive Airman Battle Uniform has been designed to

help Airmen survive and win on the battlefield

- The “Heritage Jacket” has been developed as a new service dress uniform with a distinctive military design honoring Air Force heritage

Culture

- The Air Force Memorial was dedicated as a permanent reminder of Airmen’s courage, valor and sacrifice
- An Airman’s Creed is being created to reinforce an Airman’s

service and conduct, fueled by a warrior ethos aimed at serving and defending the country, the Constitution and the people

Evaluations

- Deployment history has been added to the officer selection brief, reinforcing the service’s expeditionary nature
- Physical fitness blocks have been added to enlisted and officer performance reports stressing the importance of physical readiness

Other Initiatives

- The Core Values Handbook is being revised to include aspects of courage, valor and sacrifice
- “Airmen’s Perspective” is being added to Air Force basic doctrine, clarifying the warrior concept
- An Air Force Combat Action Medal is being authorized to recognize Airmen who performed honorably in combat.

AIRMEN, From A2

the manner in which World War II will end — just four months after the “day that will live in infamy,” the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. On that day, 80 Airmen, led by Jimmy Doolittle, flew 16 B-25s into the heart of Imperial Japan to deliver a simple message: we’ll go after you — exploiting the range and payload that are the heart and soul of airpower — and bring you to your knees by inflicting death and destruction the likes of which were never seen. Three years later, Imperial Japan signed the instruments of unconditional surrender without the unimaginable bloodshed that would have ensued if airpower didn’t obviate the need for a ground invasion of the Home Islands.

This tradition of uncommon honor, valor, devotion, and mission-first attitude makes up the cornerstone of the USAF’s recent rededication to the enduring warrior ethos and shared Warrior Virtues. All are reflect-

ed in the Chief’s Vector, as well as the accompanying Airman’s Creed. Its words are as simple as they are profound:

The Airman’s creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.
I have answered my nation’s call.
I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.
I am an American Airman,
Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation’s sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.
I am an American Airman:
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

Only the Air Force can claim that it is the Nation’s sword, shield, sentry and avenger — all at the same time. Airmen are the guardians who patrol the skies over our cities and maintain an ever-vigilant over-watch over both foe and friend They are the air bridge to provide humanitarian assistance around the globe--and supply, support, and evacuate our ground warriors. Airmen are the top cover for troops in contact in Iraq and Afghanistan. And, just like in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Airmen fly into danger to deliver death and destruction to those who would do us and our allies harm. Only Airmen are — at once — warriors, wingmen and leaders. And only Airmen truly never leave a comrade behind: combat search and rescue is a sacred duty for Airmen and the motto “so others might live” is taken quite literally by those who fly Vietnam-era rescue helicopters into places the devil himself

doesn’t dare to tread, to pick up downed warriors — U.S. and Allied, Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force.

In publishing the new Vector and Creed, the USAF leadership aims at both internal and external audiences — that is, Airmen and the American people. Internally, the intent is to enhance cohesion, to ensure Airmen everywhere recommit themselves to a single purpose as America’s winged defenders: “fly, fight, win.” The Vector also reflects the leadership’s recognition that, over the years, the Air Force has become so technologically proficient that it grew into a patchwork of functional communities, living in highly specialized, distinct technical disciplines. Hence, a concerted effort to refocus the Service on a common touchstone: the profession of arms, with its distinct values and ethos. Hence the emphasis on what being an Airman means at the core, foundational level: a

Warrior, Wingman and Leader — first and foremost.

Professional specialties and operational systems are merely the instruments through which these core values are actualized. The shared, unifying mission is as simple as it is profound: fly, fight, win — defend America “with my life.” Concurrently, the new Vector and Creed unabashedly aim to reconnect America to its Airmen, reminding the public that those who wear Air Force blue are proud members of the profession of arms--the few who have answered the Nation’s call to service and sacrifice. Airmen are heirs to the same glorious tradition of honor, valor and devotion that unifies Warriors across centuries and warfighting domains. Airmen fly, fight, and win in air, space and cyberspace--that is what they do. More importantly, that is who they are. At this intersection of history and destiny, with human lives in the balance, the Nation

could ask no more — and no less— from its youngest Service.

The Creed published on April 18 is the creed for all Airmen, for all time. It links the Air Force’s glorious heritage to its boundless horizon.

As the Air Force flies and fights around the globe in the defining struggle of our generation, prepares for tomorrow’s uncertainties, and pleads for attention in the halls of Congress, one thing has definitely changed. Anywhere one finds the Air Force, one will find Wingmen, Leaders and Warriors. One will find Airmen.

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5 SFS members load up for injured Airman

Minot Air Force Base, N.D. (AFNEWS) – Airmen from the 5th Security Forces Squadron took part in a "ruck-march" May 3 to show support for a fellow squadron member injured in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Scott Lilley, 5 SFS, was injured April 15 when he and his team was attacked by insurgents, and his vehicle hit by an improvised explosive device. The 5th SFS Airmen traveled from squadron to squadron carrying full rucksacks on their backs. In addition to showing support for their injured comrade, the Airmen also took donations for Sergeant Lilley's family, who has been by his side for more than two weeks. "Scotty's showing amazing improvement. We rejoice in each small progress he makes, every smile, every hand

squeeze, every update from his doctors and medical team," wrote parents Frank and Jolene Lilley on their Web log. "We know there will be ups and downs in his recovery, and the road may be long. But if there's one thing we've learned, it's that every day is a blessing." (By Staff Sgt. Trevor Tiernan, Minot Air Force Base Public Affairs)

Society honors Airmen escapees

Scott Air Force Base, Ill. (AFNEWS) – The commander of Air Mobility Command honored the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society with a ceremony here May 4 as part of the group's 2007 reunion. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb paid tribute to AFEES, a non-profit organization of Airmen who were forced down behind enemy

lines and avoided captivity, or escaped from captivity. The group also is composed of "helper" members — people who either directly aided the Airmen in avoiding capture or who are family members of helpers. "I sewed (the downed Airmen's) dog-tags in their cuffs, so when they were picked up (by friendly forces) they could just pull those out," said Yvonne Daley-Brusselmanns, an AFEES helper member and reunion chairman. (By Roger Drinnon, Air Mobility Command Public Affairs)

Airmen’s Center aids transition

Aviano Air Base, Italy (AFNEWS) – Training and professional development is a high priority, beginning for young Airmen at Basic Military Training, tech school

and continues at the first duty station training at the First Term Airmen's Center. FTAC is a two-week program that plays an important role in transitioning Airmen from a training environment to their first duty station. The center reinforces, "professional development as well as helps orient Airmen to their new base. While in FTAC Airmen also knock out some of the mandatory training they need," said Staff Sgt. Julia Andujar of the Aviano FTAC. (By Airman 1st Class Michael Williams, Det. 8, Air Force News Agency)

Supporting an injured comrade



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Stacy Moless

Airmen from the 5th Security Forces Squadron take part in a "ruck march" May 3 to show support for a fellow squadron member injured in Iraq

Zero brought down on Dec. 7

Spotlight Tour: Zero crash site

During the attacks on 7 December 1941, ground fire struck one of the attacking Japanese aircraft causing it to crash. The Japanese



Mitsubishi A6M2 Model 21 "Zero" crashed near Fort Kamehameha, near what is today the Hawaii Air Nation Guard facility. The plane was the only enemy aircraft brought down that day. The aircraft was also one of the first Japanese Zeroes to fall into American



Hickam Archives

American personnel look over the wreckage of a Japanese Zero that crashed on Dec. 7, 1941 near Fort Kamehameha.

hands at the beginning of World War II. For more history and back-

ground on this location, visit the historical signage site near the base of Freedom Tower.



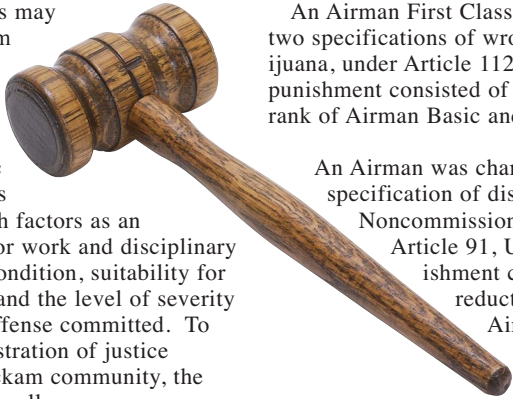
Theft of private property
A civilian contractor reported theft of personal property from his vehicle.

Damage to private property
An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to his personal owned vehicle.
Damage to private property
An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to the rear window of his personal owned vehicle.
DUI
An active-duty member was

detained for driving under the influence
Citation total for the week
5 Moving Traffic citations
3 Moving Traffic citation/Cellular Phones
9 Moving Traffic citation/Shoe Leather Express
5 Non-Moving Traffic citations
1 Abandoned Vehicle notice.

Nonjudicial punishment actions

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.



An Airman First Class was charged with two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana, under Article 112a, UCMJ. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the rank of Airman Basic and a reprimand.
An Airman was charged with one specification of disrespect to a Noncommissioned Officer, under Article 91, UCMJ. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the rank of Airman Basic and a reprimand.

Red Horse helps build base in 45 days

Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq (AFNEWS) — Two months ago, forward operating base Shawshook, near Besmaya Range, was nothing more than dirt and tumbleweeds. Now, at the newly developed FOB Hammer, there’s a full-up U.S. Army combat brigade — the 3rd of the 3rd Infantry Division, housed and fed — ready to conduct missions in Operation Enforcing the Law, known to the media as the “Fardh al-Qanoon,” or “Baghdad Security Plan.” Under the direction of Gen. David Petraeus, who took assumption of command at Multinational Forces-Iraq Feb. 10, new combat brigades

were to deploy in and around the Iraqi capitol. Within a week, a tasking flowed from MNF-I treached Air Force Red Horse engineers ordering a base be built and ready to accommodate the nearly 4,000 Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team by March 26. *(By Capt. Ken Hall, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)*

Creed, health care on CSAF's scope

San Antonio (AFNEWS) — The CSAF’s Scope focuses on current topics the Air Force chief of staff feels are of special importance to today’s Airmen. Among Gen. T. Michael Moseley’s top issues are the new Airman’s Creed and military health care.

Go ahead ... make my day



U.S. Air Force photo by Robbin Cresswell

Senior Airman Andrew Caro (left) and Staff Sgt. Dustin Maglinti take aim toward a target building during a training scenario for the 37th Training Wing's Emergency Services Team May 4 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Airman Caro and Sergeant Maglinti are close precision-engagement team members and are hidden in brush wearing their “ghille suits.” The Lackland AFB team took first place April 24 at the Southeast Texas SWAT competition held in Beaumont, Texas. Airman Caro was on the winning team.

General Moseley introduced the new creed to replace all the various specialized creeds that have been used in the past, and to focus on the core of what an Airman believes. “When you read it, reflect on the creed’s elements: warrior, heritage, honor and valor,” General Moseley said. He also stressed that now more than ever we need each and every Airman to be combat-ready.

Weather watch enhances missions

Southwest Asia (AFNEWS) — Sandstorms, which often appear as solid walls of dust as much as 15,000 feet high, can obscure the sun and reduce visibility to zero. A group of weather watching Airmen monitor Southwest Asia’s approxi-

mately 55-million square-mile area of responsibility, forecasting these storms before they hit; providing a timely and accurate weather data for the warfighters. Sandstorms, thunderstorms, fog, flooding, and even avalanches in Afghanistan are all weather factors closely monitored by Combat Operations Division Weather Airmen at the Combined Air and Space Operations Center in Southwest Asia. “We watch for weather limitations and sensitivities that impact operations to include personnel and bases on the ground,” said Senior Master Sgt. Brian Magnuson, NCO in charge of the weather specialty team deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Ill. *(By Staff Sgt. Matthew McGovern, Central Command Air Force Public Affairs)*

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deployment to Afghanistan. Airmen are also telling the Air Force story to Hawaii residents on The Rick Hamada Experience, the number one talk program in the state that is aired live on weekday mornings. Hamada recently spoke to Chief Master Sgt. Debra Garza, manager, PACAF Security Forces, and Master Sgt. Albert

Schneider, superintendent, PACAF Command Explosive Ordnance Disposal, on their experiences deployed and on the Air Force in general. “Our young Airmen train the Iraqis day in and out,” said Chief Garza, when Hamada asked her about training. “The biggest things we bring to the fight are our people in the Air

Force. You don't see a lot of that in the newspapers, but having spent six months in Baghdad, there are a lot of heroic stories ... it all makes a small bit of difference.” Gen. Paul V. Hester, PACAF commander, was also on air on Monday and stressed the importance of the Air Force in the Pacific.

“The Air Force (in the Pacific) is 55,000 strong and there are 350,000 active duty in the entire Air Force,” he “Airmen are engaged everyday ... Airmen are ready.” “One reason we have great peace and stability is because we have Airmen all across the Pacific; we are well-trained,” added Chief Bishop.

Following the interviews, Hamada expressed his gratitude to the men and women in uniform. “We are truly, deeply appreciative of you,” Hamada said. When asked what other message she would like the listeners to know, Chief Garza responded, “Send us notes, meet us at the airport... We are

your sisters, your brothers... Keep supporting the Airmen out there on the lines.” Hamada agreed. “The smallest expressions can make the greatest impact.” The general, command chief and other Airmen will return to the radio studio later this month for more live shows during the afternoon.

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colonel said. “When the body gets worn down, so does response time.” During the summer months, it’s not even necessary to venture outside the home to find potential danger, according to Staff Sgt.Benjamin Lomas., 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services fire prevention specialist. Barbeque safety is all about common sense, he said. Always use approved charcoal lighter fluids and never operate grills within 10 feet of the home or any other building. And starting with the grills being lit by adults, the status of the cooking should never be in question. “The adults should always keep an eye on the grill,” he shared. With the 101 Critical Days of Summer hitting its stride in June, which is national safety month, the Kukini will be running a month-long series on safety tips for the home, ball field and water recreation.

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school and sports physicals. If your child is going to play sports in the 2007-2008 school year, they will need a sports physical. Physicals are by appointment only; to schedule, call the central appointment line at 448-6000, option 1. For more details, call Lt. VanDerSchaegen at 449-2068.

Military Appreciation Day — Organizers of the 2nd Annual USO/Honolulu Zoo Society Military Appreciation Day will be looking for 100-plus volunteers for the Saturday, June 2, event. (Spouses/older children are welcome to volunteer with you).Previously, the event served 6,000 attendees. Volunteer hours are 8-11:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or the entire day. Tasks include parking support, gate reception, entrance routing, and VIP support. For details, call TSgt. Jacobs at rodney.jacobs@hickam.af.mil or 449-2250.

Hot water outage — The Fitness Center will experience a hot water outage from from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, May 11. For details, call 448-4640.